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In re application of: Valentin Hierzer

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2002. A request for extension of time is filed herewith. Please make the amendments as follows:

In the claims:

Amend claims 15 and 24 as follows:

15. (Amended) The closure of claim 1 wherein the cap further includes a thumb tab extending outwardly from the sidewall.

24. (Amended) The container package of claim 22 wherein the annular seal includes a projection including an angular tip formed thereon that deforms a portion of the liner.